(b) In the court case, the petitioners have alleged that some recruits are linked with persons connected with ISI activities.

(c) Army Headquarters and police authorities have been asked to investigate into the matter.

(d) and (e) The reports from Army Headquarters and police authorities are awaited. Appropriate follow up action will be taken after rea ipt of the reports.

Former DRDO Chief Joining US Defence Research Programme

5493. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former DRDO Chief and Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister joined an American University on retirement which is involved in the US defence research programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether he was required to seek permission from Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and conditions, if any?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Dr. VS. Arunachalam, the former Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and subsequently the Director General, Aeronautical Development Agency was granted permission to go on extra-ordinary leave to pursue scientific research and to accpt assignment as a Distinguished Services Professor at Carnegie Mellin University USA. He continued in the same university after his retirement. The Government are not aware of involvement of Carnegie Mellon University, USA in any Ub defence research programme.

Output of Ordnance Factories

5494. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

. (a) what is the normal output of the Ordnance factories of the country; and

(b) whether it has been increased after the Kargil war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The output of Ordnance Factories is mainly dependent on the requirement projected by Armed Forces. During Kargil operation enhanced requirement of certain items was projected by the Army.